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In re application of:

TAKAHASHI et al.

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DECISION ON PETITION

For:

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This is a response to the PETITION REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, filed February 10, 2005. The response asks that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of January 3, 2005, be withdrawn since the applicant did timely file a response on October 18, 2004.

DECISION

The instant request has been accepted as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) - no abandonment-in-fact. A review of evidence reveals that applicant's response, SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS, was properly filed on October 18, 2004. The evidence includes a Certificate of Mailing dated October 18, 2004, and a statement that attests to the previous timely mailing on a personal knowledge basis. Accordingly, any holding of abandonment is hereby vacated, and the application has been returned to pending status.

The application shall be forwarded to Publications Branch for processing and consideration of the papers filed October 18, 2004.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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